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Abigail Mama's Inc	\$50,000	African-Women Sewing Program — This program focuses on providing sewing skills and resources for at least 60 women from African migrant backgrounds, with a particular focus on young women aged 18 – 40 years.	Strategic Projects
Australian Arab Association Inc	\$50,000	Creative minds 2023 — Creative Minds is a 6-month program that aims to promote positive health and social well-being through targeted initiatives to various cohorts in the Arabic-speaking community.	Strategic Projects
Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees	\$50,000	Opening Doors — The Opening Doors Program provides one-on-one social, education and English language support to people from asylum seeker and refugee backgrounds with significant barriers to learning. The volunteers involved to provide support are trauma informed and trained for cultural sensitivity to support children from six years through to adults. The training and management of volunteers is an integral aspect of the program as they work directly with clients to reach their short and long-term goals.	Strategic Projects



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Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees	\$100,000	Complex Case intense support program — This program seeks to provide essential welfare and advocacy support to people seeking asylum who have very low or no income, are not eligible for the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) and who have been left without resolution of their visa matters for an extended period.	Strategic Projects
Edmund Rice Centre WA Inc	\$100,000	English and IT Literacy Project — The English and IT Literacy Program aims to improve English language skills and computer literacy recognising the importance of these skills to successful employment and integration. The target group is adult refugees and asylum seekers and aims to address a gap currently identified between the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) and the Skills for Education and Employment Program (SEE).	Strategic Projects
Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Services Inc	\$50,000	Strength to Strength — The Strength to Strength (STS) program aims to address the barriers that refugee and migrant women experience in accessing sustainable employment. The program aims to support women from refugee and migrant backgrounds to encourage their sense of community, support improved health and well-being, as well as civic and economic participation.	Strategic Projects



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Indian Society of WA	\$50,000	Family Welfare to prevent Family and Domestic Violence — The Indian Society of Western Australia (ISWA) in partnership with its member associations and Ishaar Multicultural Women's Health Centre will deliver an additional phase of their domestic violence awareness, prevention and support program for Indian families in targeted areas across Perth.	Strategic Projects
Acholi Community Association of Western Australia Inc	\$5,000	Acholi Cultural Event — The Acholi WA Cultural Festival will be held on 12 November 2022 at the Italian Football Club in Middle Swan. The Festival will showcase the culture of the Acholi community, wider South Sudanese community as well as other African communities with ancestry from East Africa. It will share traditional cultures and knowledge with the aim to build connections with the wider Western Australian Community. The festival will involve traditional dance, cultural food show, and language sharing.	Festivals
Australian Arab Association	\$10,000	Eid al-Adha 2023 — The family-friendly festival to be held on 1 July at Burswood Park aims to showcase the diverse cultures and traditions of Muslim communities who celebrate Eid. The festival will include a carnival of rides and games for children and young people, stalls and activities showcasing multicultural food and culture, and a program of cultural stage performances. The event will be delivered by 108 volunteers and is expected to attract over 25,000 attendees.	Festivals



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Bunbury Multicultural Group Inc	\$10,000	South West Multicultural Festival — The South West Multicultural Festival is an annual free event held in the centre of Bunbury that focuses on promoting multiculturalism, understanding and friendship throughout the Bunbury Geographe area. The festival is scheduled for 18 January at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell and Bicentennial Square. The event will include 20 multicultural food stalls, information stands tailored to CaLD communities, games and activities specific to different nationalities, a vibrant and colourful roaming theatre and a concert under the stars.	Festivals
Cannington Punjabi Club Inc	\$5,000	Mela Cannington da 2022 — The Mela Cannington Da Festival will be held on 5 November 2022 at the Civic Park Centre in Cannington. The event will be a day long outdoor festival that features Indian culture and broadly celebrates the cultural diversity in the City of Canning. It will showcase traditional dance, art, food and fashion displays as well as host stallholders that represent various CaLD communities and local community service organisations.	Festivals



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Cook Island Community WA Incorporated	\$5,000	Pacific Island Festival —The event will feature traditional performances including singing, dancing, and drumming, and include representation from each of the 15 islands that make up the Cook Islands. The event aims to provide the opportunity for the wider community to learn about Pacific Island culture as well as provide a platform for the community’s young people and families.	Festivals
Edmund Rice Centre WA Inc	\$5,000	Mirrabooka Celebrating Harmony — This annual festival celebrating Harmony Week will be held on 16 March at The Square Mirrabooka Shopping Centre. The program comprises cultural displays and performances by local artists and school students, interactive activities and entertainment for children, a halal sausage sizzle, and about 30 stalls hosted by CaLD service providers, educational and healthcare organisations and other government initiatives. The event is delivered in partnership with a consortium of Government and non-Government agencies and service organisations based in Mirrabooka who have organised successful Harmony events since 2008.	Festivals
Ellenbrook Punjabi Council Inc	\$5,000	Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival — The Ellenbrook Punjabi Council is a not-for-profit organisation formed to support the growing Punjabi community in Ellenbrook and its surroundings. The Ellenbrook Multicultural Festival is a free family friendly event and will be held on 19 November 2022 at the Charlotte’s Vineyard Oval in Ellenbrook. The festival program will focus on Punjabi culture as well as feature local culturally diverse community groups presenting various traditional sport and martial arts, cultural performances and food. Presented in partnership with the Ellenbrook Multicultural Community association, the festival aims to build social cohesion in the emerging multicultural community in Ellenbrook.	Festivals



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Midwest Multicultural Association Inc	\$ 5,000	Festival of Lights 2022 — The Festival of Lights will be held on 5 November 2022 at the Geraldton multipurpose centre. Centred around the cultural celebration of Diwali, the event is also a celebration of the rich cultural diversity of the Mid-West region. The festival is to be inclusive with a variety of cultural food stalls, family-focused activities, and cultural performances. It will give members of the local community an opportunity to dress in national costume and perform dances and songs from their country of origin.	Festivals
Nepali Association of WA (NAWA) Inc	\$5,000	Nepal Festival 2022 — The Nepal Festival will be held on 26 November 2022 at Forrest Place in the CBD. The event will be held during the day and will showcase Nepalese culture through live dance, music and food stall offering, this is the largest celebration of Nepalese Culture in WA. The free event will be accessible to the wider community to participate and learn about traditional culture and practices.	Festivals
Organisation of African Communities of WA Inc	\$10,000	Jambo Africa 2023 — the largest annual African festival in Western Australia presenting a diverse array of vibrant African music, dancing, arts, cultural performances and authentic food.	Festivals



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Perth Indonesian Community Inc	\$5,000	Multicultural Festival and Food Bazaar 2023 — Presented in partnership with the Malay Association of WA, the festival is a free event that will be held on 11 March 2023 in Forrest Place, Perth, following their successful event held in March 2022. There will be family friendly activities for children, live performances showcasing traditional dance and music from artists of different cultural backgrounds, and a selection of cultural food vendors.	Festivals
Perth Sinhala School Parent Teacher Association Inc	\$5000	Muthu Ahura Cultural Exhibition and Festival — aims to make the wider community aware of Sri Lankan culture and provide opportunities for spectators to enjoy and experience traditional dance, drama, drumming, music performances and live cooking demonstrations while displaying Sri Lankan cultural artefacts to the wider community. This festival will be an opportunity for Perth Sri Lankans to demonstrate their culture and facilitate relationships with other CaLD communities.	Festivals
Polish Club General W. Sikorski WA Inc	\$5,000	Polish-Hungarian Friendship Day 2023 —The Polish and Hungarian communities in Western Australia will come together to celebrate a long history of continuous friendship, understanding and cooperation at the Sikorski Club Polish-Hungarian Friendship Day. This free outdoor event on 25 March at the Polish Club Sikorski in Bellevue will include family-friendly entertainment and children’s activities to engage the broader local community in this celebration.	Festivals
Serbian Community Centre of WA	\$5,000	Serbian Community Spring Festival —The festival aims to promote Serbian culture by showcasing traditional foods and cooking methods, ethnic dances, traditional arts and crafts workshops as well as Serbian music concerts with multiple performers throughout the day. The festival will gather the WA Serbian Community together as well as invite members of the wider community to learn and participate in Serbian culture.	Festivals



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Shire of Katanning	\$5,000	Katanning Harmony Festival 2023 — This annual festival celebrating Harmony Week aims to showcase the cultural diversity of the upper Great Southern region of Western Australia. Activities will include Culture Q&A, Cooking to Connect, a cultural treasure hunt, stage entertainment, children and youth activities and an international food village to enhance opportunities for cultural engagement.	Festivals
South West Indian Group Inc (SWIG)	\$5,000	Bunbury Diwali 2022 — The Bunbury Diwali Festival of Lights will be held on 5 November 2022 at the Bunbury Italian Club. It will be a colourful celebration of multiculturalism with performances by groups in the region. Local school children and members of the Aboriginal community will also participate. The theme will be Bolly World 22 Cultural Colours, representing the cultural diversity and unity in Australia. There will be 100 participants and 500 spectators.	Festivals
Buddha's Light International Association of Western Australia Inc	\$30,000	Buddha's Birthday & Multicultural Festival 2023 — This is an annual event celebrating Vesak. Vesak commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha. The festival aims to promote social harmony, mutual respect and understanding through meditation, art, cultural displays, music and dance performances, mindfulness activities and vegetarian food. In 2023 the large cultural event will take place in the Supreme Court Gardens on 11-12 March 2023. It is expected to attract approximately 20,000 people over the two-day event.	Celebrations 2023



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Chung Wah Association Inc	\$30,000	Perth Chinese New Year Fair 2023 — This is an annual cultural festival for Western Australian Chinese community organisations to participate in and facilitate cultural performances, demonstrations and cultural games and activities. 2023 will welcome the Year of the Rabbit. The large cultural event will take place on Sunday, 29 January 2023 in James Street, Lake Street and Northbridge Piazza, Northbridge.	Celebrations 2023
Indian Society of WA	\$30,000	Diwali Mela 2023 — Diwali Mela is a two-day celebration that involves more than 80 Indian community associations showcasing the diversity of Indian culture through food, dance, art and performance.	Celebrations 2023
Vietnamese Community in Australia - WA Chapter Inc	\$30,000	Tet New Year Celebration 2023 — Vietnamese Lunar New Year - Tet New Year Celebration 2023 will be held in Girrawheen on 27/1/2023 and is estimated to attract over \$20,000 people. The large, annual cultural event promotes cross-culture understanding, share Vietnamese culture spirit, enhancing social cohesion and harmony.	Celebrations 2023



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Aussie Indian Sports Club	\$2000	Multicultural Volleyball Festival — The Aussie Indian Sports Club will host a Multicultural Volleyball Festival on 26 March at Curtin Stadium in Bentley. This community event aims to encourage participants to join in physical activity while socialising and networking with people from many different communities. The participating teams represent a variety of CaLD groups including Indian, Sri Lankan, Malaysian, Afghan, Filipino, Samoan, Fijian and Singaporean teams.	Harmony Week 2023
Bangladesh Australia Association of WA	\$2,000	Explore Arts and Culture — Through their Pathshala Bangla School, the Bangladesh Australia Association of WA will hold an "explore arts and culture" day on 19 March in Canning Vale. The event will bring together community language schools from the Indian, Nepalese, Sri Lankan and Thai communities to participate and showcase their culture. A professional artist will be engaged to deliver a painting workshop that will explore each participants' culture through artwork, music, and dance performances.	Harmony Week 2023
Collie Italian and Sporting Club Inc	\$2,000	Italian Bocce, Pizza Making and beach volleyball event — The Collie Italian and Sporting Club will celebrate Harmony Week by holding a Bocce competition and 'Learn How to Play Day', Pizza Making and Beach Volleyball event in Collie on 24 March. Members of the sporting club will lead Bocce lessons and run participatory workshops while the local volleyball association has been engaged to run a beach volleyball competition.	Harmony Week 2023



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Friends of Mongolia Inc	\$2,000	Mongolian Traditional Music Concert — The Friends of Mongolia have partnered with Sweethearts Music Management to present a traditional Mongolian music concert featuring Bukhu Ganburged, an internationally acclaimed throat singer and morin huur player (traditional Mongolian musical instrument).	Harmony Week 2023
Goldfields Community Legal Centre Inc	\$2,000	Everyone Belongs — The Goldfields Community Legal Centre will host a community sporting day at the Ray Finlayson ground in Kalgoorlie on 18 March to bring together local CaLD communities, including members of African, Indian, Indonesian, Papua New Guinean, South American and Filipino associations and groups. Popular sporting activities such as soccer, netball, volleyball, and rugby will be used to create a day of fun and a sense of belonging in the community.	Harmony Week 2023
Kimberley Arts Network Inc	\$2,000	I See You, You See Me — The Kimberley Arts Network will engage award winning Broome-based artist Amelia Jajko to facilitate a portrait painting project for Years 5 and 6 students from Broome Primary School. The school has a high percentage of students from CaLD and Aboriginal backgrounds. Students will be paired with another student from a differing cultural background or heritage and will be led through conversational knowledge sharing and creative thinking exercises to develop a portrait of one another.	Harmony Week 2023



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Mandurah Filipino Sports Club Inc	\$ 2,000	We belong as One 2023 — The We Belong as One Harmony Cup is a day-long volleyball and basketball tournament held in Mandurah on 19 March. This activity is a partnership between Mandurah Volleyball Association and the City of Mandurah's Club Connect program. Leading up to the event, teams are invited to register to compete in a knockout tournament style competition.	Harmony Week 2023
Mandurah Filipino-Australian Multicultural Community Inc	\$ 2,000	Harmony Concert — The Harmony Concert will be held on 18 March at Greenfields Family and Community Centre. The concert activities include singing in different languages, traditional dancing and African drumming, all which will encourage audience participation. The event will be delivered with assistance from the Mandjar Toastmasters and Seascapes Community Association.	Harmony Week 2023
Midwest Multicultural Association Inc	\$2,000	Harmony Festival 2023 — The Midwest Harmony Festival will take place on 18 March at the Geraldton Multipurpose Centre and surrounding park. This event is an inclusive, community-designed and delivered initiative with each participating community assigned tasks and responsibilities for every aspect of the festival. A range of cultural activities have been scheduled, including a 'Parade of Nations', cultural performances, food and local businesses displaying their wares. A new partnership with the Geraldton Water Polo Association will allow a new 'Water Polo vs the World' tug-of-war activity.	Harmony Week 2023



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Multicultural Talent Academy Inc	\$2000	Harmonious Connections: Art and Culture — Various cultural art workshops and performance activities coordinated by community associations and individuals will be displayed at this event to be held on 19 March in the Osborne Park Community Centre. The event is open to all and is an opportunity for intercultural understanding as it will showcase multiple cultures including Chinese traditional art, French theatre performances, Russian dance and Greek food.	Harmony Week 2023
Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc	\$2,000	Harmony Week Celebration (Trivia Quiz Lunch & Zumba Fitness Party) — This two-part Harmony Week celebration includes a Trivia Quiz Lunch on 19 March and a Zumba Fitness Party on 25 March in Karratha. Members of local CaLD communities and other community groups will be invited to attend.	Harmony Week 2023
Peel Multicultural Association Inc	\$2,000	Harmony Week Expo & Community Lunch with Multicultural Performances — The event is an inclusive, collaborative celebration that showcases cultural performances and food from CaLD communities in Mandurah. The event will be held on 17 March at the association's new premises at Sutton Hall in central Mandurah and will be hosted with the City of Mandurah community development team and the Mandurah Multicultural Network. Attendees are encouraged to wear cultural attire and bring a plate of traditional cuisine to share.	Harmony Week 2023

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Rainbow Coast Neighbourhood Centre	\$5,000	Harmony Cultural Showcase — The annual Harmony Cultural Showcase will be held on 18 March in the Albany Town Square. Delivered through an established co-design model with the CaLD community. The program will showcase performances, food and cultural activities by groups from local Karen, Iranian, Filipino, Irish, Hazara, African, Thai, Vietnamese and Indian communities. The event aims to take the Albany community on a global journey and encourage them to reflect on the importance of diversity within the local community.	Harmony Week 2023
School of Malayalam Language Incorporated	\$2,000	Cultural Day Harmony Week Celebration 2023 — The School of Malayalam Language will hold a cultural day on 18 March in Piara Waters that will showcase Keralite culture and art forms. The event targets the local mainstream community within the City of Armadale	Harmony Week 2023
Shire of Capel	\$2,000	Harmony Week Sundowner — The Harmony Week Sundowner will be held on 24 March at Fish Park, Dalyellup. Based on community consultation led by the Shire of Capel, the event will include intercultural lullabies, Dejembe Drumming and a Chinese fan art drawing demonstration all performed by local community members from CaLD backgrounds. Food trucks, multicultural artisan stalls and local service providers will be invited to participate in the community event.	Harmony Week 2023

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Shire of Kellerberrin	\$2,000	<p>Celebrating Harmony — The Shire of Kellerberrin serves the communities of Kellerberrin and Doodlakine. Celebrating Harmony will be held on 23 March and targets the entire community. Local Filipino, Indonesian, Indian and Aboriginal community members will contribute to a program of art demonstrations and workshops, music, food, and dance performances. There will be a multicultural art competition where the winners will be displayed on Kellerbellin’s main street for 12 months.</p>	Harmony Week 2023
SongFest Inc	\$2,000	<p>Morawa Voicemale SongFest — Songfest Inc has partnered with United in Diversity (UID) to hold a music event at the Morawa Bowling Club on 25 March as part of the town’s Harmony Week celebrations. UID is currently running a ‘Jobs for Migrants’ pilot in Morawa as part of a Regional Migrant Employment Program. The activity will include performances from the Voicemale choir with a backing band from Morawa District High School, and a jam session with the CaLD community. Kitchen of Diversity will provide cultural food to complement the performances.</p>	Harmony Week 2023
South Lake Ottey Family & Neighbourhood Centre	\$2,000	<p>A Celebration of Harmony — The South Lake Ottey Family and Neighbourhood Centre will host a celebration event on 15 March for its regular groups and the local community. The event will have African drumming workshops using traditional hand drums and other percussion instruments, a display for traditional costumes and tea making workshops by the Turkish community. Additionally, Aboriginal Healthy Lifestyle Program participants will share their art, culture and food. Attendees will also be encouraged to wear their cultural dress for the occasion.</p>	Harmony Week 2023

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Treeby Community Association	\$2,000	Harmony Week — The Treeby Community Association is a neighbourhood community group that aims to build community by providing opportunities to socialise and network regardless of age, cultural background, economic status or language spoken. This Harmony Week activity will be held on 18 March at the City of Cockburn's Treeby Community Oval. The event will offer food trucks, henna and face painting and will showcase cultural dancing from selected CaLD communities including the Sri Lankan, Indian, African and the Colombian communities.	Harmony Week 2023
Victoria Park Community Centre Inc	\$2,000	Let the Caged Bird Sing — The Victoria Park Community Centre will work with Iranian-Australian artist Elham Eshraghian-Haakansson and other Afghan and Persian performers to develop a series of new musical, spoken word and performative pieces that draw inspiration from those displaced following the 1979 Iranian revolution. A concert showcasing the new works will be held during Harmony Week in East Victoria Park.	Harmony Week 2023
Congolese Council of WA Inc	\$5,000	Community Leaders Capacity Building Project — The Congolese Council of WA Inc is a non-for-profit organisation that represents the Congolese community in WA which is one of the largest African refugee communities in Western Australia. The project aims to build the capacity of the organisation's committee and leaders in the community, including young emerging leaders.	Community Capacity Building

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Gosnells Chinese Association	\$5,000	<p>Women’s Leadership and Development Program— The Gosnells Chinese Association supports the wellbeing and interests of Chinese migrants living in the Gosnells area.</p> <p>Delivered as a ten-part training series, the project aims to support participants to enter back into the workforce with improved confidence, communication skills and leadership skills. 6 sessions will be held in person in Gosnells and 4 will be held online, however if COVID measures are put in place the whole project can be held online. Sessions will be facilitated by a professional Chinese trainer selected by the organisation.</p>	Community Capacity Building
Gosnells Chinese Association	\$5,000	<p>Stand Up for Her — The project aims to support women from CaLD backgrounds to navigate issues of mental health and domestic violence in the community. Focusing on migrants and temporary visa holders from the Chinese community, the program will offer eight monthly workshops covering a range of topics including mental health and wellbeing, justice, and personal safety, as well as a conference providing information about addressing domestic violence and abuse. Activities will be available both in person and online to address access needs.</p>	Community Capacity Building
Indian Society of WA	\$5,000	<p>ISWA Management Committee capacity building — Following the recent changeover of the Indian Society of WA’s core management team and committee, the project will support the 13 newly elected members in a half-day capacity building session.</p>	Community Capacity Building

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Nigerian Association of Western Australia	\$100,000	NAWA Youth Leadership Summit — The fourth year of the NAWA Youth Leadership Summit will be held in May 2023. The project aims to initiate a mentoring and leadership program for young people in the Nigerian community to engage with the organisation and the community and assume leadership roles in professional careers.	Community Capacity Building
Northwest Multicultural Association WA Inc	\$5,000	CaLD Professional Network — The project aims to support the professional development of culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) groups based in Karratha. Focusing on the existing Chinese and Indonesian communities, the program will run 10 monthly capacity building workshops across a range of topics such as: leadership and self-confidence, community services information, business management and marketing.	Community Capacity Building

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Organisation of African Communities of WA Inc	\$5,000	<p>African Australians, Where is Our Place in Australia Forum — OACWA will host a free family friendly event on 27 May as part of its annual Africa Day program targeting members of local African community associations and other stakeholders. The event aims to be a platform to discuss specific opportunities and challenges faced by the Western Australian African community. The forum will include interactive educational activities (including role plays) aimed at young people.</p>	Community Capacity Building
Panyume Development Organisation Inc	\$5,000	<p>Community conversations around family violence and youth crime — This project aims to address family violence and youth crime issues within the Equatoria community in WA. The community experienced a rise in these issues during COVID-19 and the community experience language and cultural barriers preventing the community from accessing existing services.</p>	Community Capacity Building
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